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# WHAT'S NEWS IN THE MARKETS?

(USDA Food Bulletin for the week ended Oct. 6, 1950)

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 3 --- Watermelons are this week's Best Buy from the fruit department.

In the Good Buy class are Ribier and Tokay grapes and pomegranates.

Thompson Seedless and muscat grapes are a Fair Buy, along with apples, which are in better supply and somewhat lower priced.

Cranberries also are coming to market in larger supply.

Highlighting the Best Buys in the vegetable department are tomatoes, soft squash, Bell peppers, cucumbers, and spinach.

Among the week's Good Buys are eggplant, carrots, celery, beans and lettuce.

Fair Buys this week are corn and sweetpotatoes.

## Meat ---

With trading rather slow in the San Francisco wholesale meat market, prices have been mostly on a downward trend this past week. Not all supplies of lamb were sold and prices dropped \$1.00 to \$2.00 per hundredweight. In the pork division, loins dropped \$2.00 to \$3.00 per hundredweight, while fresh hams, picnics, and butts have all dropped \$2.00 per hundredweight. Skinned, smoked hams have declined around \$1.00 per hundredweight. Refined lard packed in 1-pound cartons has declined 50 cents per hundredweight, with lard in tubs and cans selling \$1.00 per hundredweight lower. Most of the beef available has been of Commercial grade quality and has sold practically unchanged in price, although Good hindquarters and briskets are down \$1.00 to \$2.00 per hundredweight. In contrast to other classes of meat, all grades



of fresh veal have advanced \$1.00 per hundredweight, as has Good grade calf.

Butter ---

With demand somewhat slower in the San Francisco wholesale butter market, prices have dropped 1/2-cent per pound on top grades. Grades A & AA (1st Quality) are quoted to retailers at 69 to 71-1/2 cents per pound in cartons of 1/4-lb. prints. Grade B (2nd Quality) is unchanged at 65 to 66 cents per pound in cartons of 1/4-lb. prints.

Eggs ---

In the wholesale egg market demand has continued good for comparatively light supplies of top quality eggs of all sizes. Large Grade "A" eggs are unchanged in price from a week ago at a quotation to retailers of 59 to 60 cents per dozen in cartons. Grade "A" Mediums are down 2 cents at a quotation of 49 to 50 cents per dozen in cartons, and Grade "A" Smalls have gained 3 cents to a quotation of 34 cents per dozen in cartons.

Poultry ---

Dressed broilers and hens in moderate demand have held unchanged in price in the wholesale poultry market, while liberal supplies of fryers, roasters and turkeys have resulted in price drops of 1 to 2 cents per pound on those classes. All other poultry remains unchanged from a week ago.

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(USDA Food Bulletin for the week ended October 13, 1950)

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 10 ---- Again this week watermelons are the Best Buy in fruit.

Good Buys include Seedless, Ribier and Tokay grapes, quinces, and Newtown apples from Watsonville.

Best Buys in vegetables this week are snap beans, carrots, cucumbers, dry onions, and tomatoes.

In the Good Buy class are celery, lettuce, potatoes, soft squash, and sweet potatoes.

Among the Fair Buys are Brussels sprouts and cauliflower.

#### Meat ----

Demand has continued slow in the San Francisco wholesale meat market, and prices have continued to drop. Supplies generally have been liberal -- especially on pork loins, beef loins, and ham. Most of the beef supply has been of Commercial quality, with carcasses selling \$1.00 per hundredweight below a week ago. Loins and ribs dropped around \$5.00 per hundredweight and Good hind-quarters were down \$2.00 per hundredweight. Good grade lamb also dropped \$1.00 to \$2.00 per hundredweight. But the most drastic price declines have been noted on pork loins -- selling \$7.00 to \$8.00 below a week ago. Hams, picnics, and spareribs have all dropped \$2.00 to \$4.00 per hundredweight.

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Butter ----

Although trading has been light in the San Francisco wholesale butter market, supplies have been on the light side, too, and prices have advanced 1/2-cent on top grades and 1-cent on lower grades. Grades A&AA (1st Quality) are quoted to retailers at 69-1/2 to 72 cents per pound in cartons of 1/4-lb. prints. Grade B (2nd Quality) is quoted to retailers at 66 to 67 cents per pound in cartons of 1/4-lb. prints.

Eggs ----

Local egg production is holding fairly steady. Prices are little changed. However, the demand for small eggs has readily absorbed receipts of that class, with the result that prices have advanced 1-cent per dozen to a quotation to retailers of 35 cents per dozen in cartons. Grade "A" Large eggs are unchanged at a quotation to retailers of 59 to 60 cents per dozen in cartons, and Grade "A" Mediums are unchanged at 49 to 50 cents per dozen.

Poultry ----

With prices on dressed poultry comparatively low, demand has been sufficient to clear stocks satisfactorily. But prices again this week continue on a downward trend as offerings of fryers, roasters and hens are large. Broilers are down 1-cent per pound below a week ago, while fryers and roasters are selling 2 to 3 cents per pound lower. All weights of light-type hens are down 1 cent per pound, as are tom turkeys. Liberal supplies of both tom and hen turkeys have not been absorbed. Squabs are an exception and have gained 5 cents per pound from a week ago. All other classes are unchanged.

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SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 17 --- Best Buys from the fruit department this week are watermelons and Black Mission figs.

Good Buys include Thompson Seedless, Ribier and Tokay grapes, Persian melons, persimmons, and Newtown apples from Santa Cruz.

In the Fair Buy class are cantaloups and pomegranates.

From the vegetable bin, this week's Best Buys are snap beans, eggplant, lettuce and spinach.

Among the Good Buys are cabbage, cauliflower, dry onions (especially Yellow Globes), sweetpotatoes, tomatoes, California Long White potatoes, and celery.

Brussels sprouts are a Fair Buy.

Meat ---

Another week of slow demand in the San Francisco wholesale meat market resulted in some price declines, especially on liberal supplies of fresh pork. Commercial and Utility grades of steer beef and Cutter and Canner grades of cow beef dropped \$1.00 to \$2.00 per hundredweight. Veal, calf, and lamb all held unchanged in price. In the pork division, prices dropped \$3.00 per hundredweight on carcasses, \$2.00 to \$4.00 per hundredweight on loins, and \$2.00 per hundredweight on fresh hams and smoked picnics, and butts. Lard dropped around \$1.50 per hundredweight.

Butter -- With supplies ample for the rather slow demand prevailing in the San Francisco wholesale butter market, prices are unchanged from a week ago. Grades A & AA (1st Quality) are quoted to retailers at 69- $\frac{1}{2}$  to 72-cents

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per pound in cartons of 1/4-lb. prints, and Grade B (2nd Quality) is quoted at 66 to 67 cents per pound in cartons of 1/4-lb. prints.

Eggs ---

In the wholesale egg market all grades and sizes seem to be moving fairly well. With supplies of local fresh Large Grade "A" eggs supplemented by storage stocks, the supply and the demand have been about equally balanced at an unchanged quotation to retailers of 59 to 60 cents per dozen in cartons. In the case of Mediums, the price difference between Mediums and Large eggs has stimulated the demand for Mediums, and prices have advanced 2 to 3 cents per dozen to a quotation to retailers of 51 to 53 cents per dozen in cartons. Lighter receipts of Small eggs have held unchanged in price, with Grade "A" Smalls quoted to retailers at 35 cents per dozen in cartons.

Poultry ---

Although receipts of poultry have been rather light this week, they are ample for demand, which is light also. Prices are little changed from a week ago, but dressed broilers are 3 to 4 cents lower and fryers and roasters are selling 1 cent per pound lower.

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(USDA Food Bulletin for the week ended Oct. 27, 1950)

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 24 --- Good Buys in fruit this week are Thompson Seedless grapes, Tokay grapes, persimmons, pomegranates, and Newtown apples from Santa Cruz.

The week's Fair Buys are Persian melons and cranberries.

Among the vegetables, the Best Buys include broccoli, Brussels sprouts, cauliflower, lettuce, dry onions, and tomatoes.

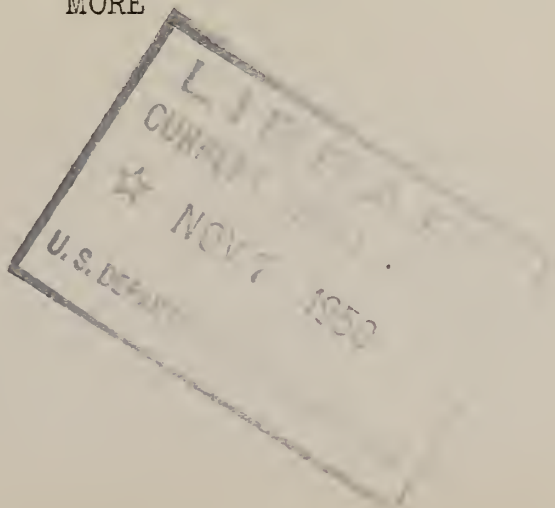
In the Good Buy class are spinach and sweetpotatoes.

Snap beans and carrots are a Fair Buy.

## Poultry --

In the wholesale poultry market demand has been good, especially for fryers and roasters at prices around 1-cent per pound above a week ago. With turkeys in rather slow demand, prices have dropped 1-cent per pound on both toms and hens. All other classes are unchanged.

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Meat --

Demand for meat has continued slow to fair in the San Francisco wholesale market. Most of the beef supply has been of Commercial grade, with cow beef selling \$2.00 per hundredweight below a week ago. Steer beef, veal and calf have all held unchanged in price. Lamb and mutton have dropped \$2.00 per hundredweight. In the pork division the supply of loins was exceedingly light after mid-week and prices advanced \$4.00 to \$6.00 per hundredweight. Pork carcasses also were up \$2.00 per hundredweight, while fresh hams dropped \$2.00 per hundredweight. Refined lard packed in 1-pound cartons dropped \$1.50 per hundredweight, and lard packed in tubs and cans has dropped \$1.00 per hundredweight.

Butter --

Despite a 7-percent drop in western butter production for the week ended October 19 -- when decreases were particularly sharp in Colorado, Idaho, Washington and California -- prices in the San Francisco wholesale market are only 1/2-cent per pound higher than a week ago. Grades A&AA(1st Quality) are quoted to retailers at 70 to 72-1/2 cents per pound in cartons of 1/4-lb. prints and Grade B(2nd Quality) is quoted to retailers at 66-1/2 to 67-1/2 cents per pound in cartons of 1/4-lb. prints.

Eggs --

There's little change in the situation in the wholesale egg market. Demand for Mediums has continued strong; and Large eggs have cleared satisfactorily. Prices on these two grades are unchanged, with Grade "A" Large quoted to retailers at 59 to 60 cents per dozen in cartons, and Grade "A" Mediums at 51 to 53 cents per dozen in cartons. Grade "A" Smalls have advanced 2 to 3 cents to a quotation to retailers of 37 to 38 cents per dozen in cartons.

